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'I want to be here with my buddies'



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The dwindling sentinels of Pearl Harbor faithfully returned on the 76th anniversary of the surprise Japanese attack Thursday to reminisce and honor fellow warriors from the greatest generation still living and gone.

Colorado resident Don Stratton, 95, one of just five remaining crew members of the USS Arizona, and one of three at the ceremony, later attended a Bronze Star With Valor presentation for Joe George, a sailor on the USS Vestal credited with saving six lives, Stratton's included.

Asked what he would say if George, who died in 1996, were here, Stratton responded,

"Thanks, buddy. You saved my life," as he became a little emotional.

George threw a line to six men trapped on the burning Arizona who were able to escape by climbing hand over hand to the Vestal.

"My son and I and everybody tried forever to get that recognition (for George), and somewhere along the line someplace, it just got hung up and it took about 15, 16 years to do that," Stratton said. "So we're

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Centenarian Adm. Lloyd "Joe" Vasey survived 21 attacks by the Japanese, one by the French, one by the Germans and three by friendly fire during his World War II years.

But he said that he's prepared to go to battle again to see his longtime dream of adding a Pacific war memorial to the World War II Valor in the Pacific National Monument.

He got an assist Thursday from Hawaii's congressional delegation.

A bipartisan bill called the "Admiral Lloyd R.

'Joe' Vasey Pacific War Commemorative Display Establishment Act unanimously passed the U.S. House on the 76th anniversary of the Japanese bombing of Pearl Harbor. The bill was introduced around Veterans Day by U.S. Rep. Colleen Hanabusa (D-Hawaii) and U.S. Rep. Rob Bishop (R-Utah), who is chairman of the House Committee on Natural Resources and an Armed Services Committee member. U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) introduced the bill's U.S. Senate companion, which was co-sponsored by U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii), on Thursday.

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